



Lessons Of The Depression

Perhaps the wish is father to the thought but it is quite evident that, in steadily increasing degree, people are expressing the view that the depression which has hung over the world like a fog for the past five years is lifting slowly, perhaps but surely, and that gleams of sunlight are appearing through the encouragement of mankind and the restoration of confidence.

In support of this view statistics are quoted of increased business, rising prices, more employment, increased revenues for the railways, rising farm revenues. Betterments of this kind are noted, not in one but in many countries, and from many quarters come reports that there is a growing tendency among people with money to invest to again proceed to do so.

Whether this more optimistic viewpoint is justified we are not in a position to say, and it is just possible that the statistical betterments are the result of the highly artificial stimulus given by the activities of the new by governmental bodies, rather than the outcome of a natural and more substantial improvement in conditions. Whatever may be the underlying cause of this slowly returning confidence, it is undeniable that it exists, and people believe that the tide waters which have been running so strongly in an adverse direction are so far having passed the peak and are now beginning to run in an upper and more favorable direction.

Coupled with this, there is recognition in Western Canada that, while such betterments may be seen in other parts of the country and the world, there can be no marked improvement throughout this section of the Dominion if it is to be had. The agricultural and industrial betterments are the result of the high and artificial stimulus given by the activities of the new by governmental bodies, rather than the outcome of a natural and more substantial improvement in conditions. Whatever may be the underlying cause of this slowly returning confidence, it is undeniable that it exists, and people believe that the tide waters which have been running so strongly in an adverse direction are so far having passed the peak and are now beginning to run in an upper and more favorable direction.

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THE TENDERFOOT

By
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*"The Corcado Trail",
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"You've fallen heir to a hair-share in plenty of trouble," the lawyer told Gerald Keene. "The Broken Spur has been temporarily quiet since the old man and old Joe Carr, your partner, is drinking himself into ruin."

Dustian, who had decided to see what was happening for himself—not as Gerald Keene, half owner of the House of the Glass-hour, Green Stone, tenderfoot in a Montgomery Ward warehouse west.

Dustian, the fat and luckless prospector still full now, is returning to tell Dustin and Spike Goddard, owners of the Broken Spur, about the trouble he grubstaked him, of his discovery of a rich gold mine, and shows samples of the gold and the bright green rusting hour-glass cattle and prospectors against it.

Now Go On With The Story

CHAPTER III.—Continued

This time Spike scoffed openly. It was no secret on any ranch in Soco Valley that the fat, red-headed, red-bearded, homely daughter of the old owner of the Hour-glass, did exactly as she chose. So did her father. In most things for she dominated every action of the men whom most men feared. Edith was not red-headed for nothing and Dustin had discovered it once to his sorrow. When Edith and Spike had first bought up the ranch, they had vaguely noted the red-headed unformed schoolgirl who occasionally

went to the infrequent Valley dances. Then five years passed, she became a woman, and then a mother, and then that the unformed girl had developed almost overnight into the perfectly formed woman whom men openly coveted.

It was a full two years since Dustin saw her when his eyes were opened. She was coming out of the office in Soco and he, about to enter, stood as though paralyzed at sight of her. His heart beat rapidly and his bright eyes and a couple of "dry farmers" giggled.

Dustin flushed. He did not know nor would he ever claim that he had not very much of a heart.

Carr had commented on his known conduct at a Mexican dance and on a houseboat that he maintained in a town a mile from the Broken Spur.

Dustin had raised his hat and stepped up to her, "What you goin' to say 'Good morning'?" he asked quietly.

"To you? Why? . . ." Edith stopped and looked at him as one might look at a mangy dog and that looked turned even Sam Dustin.

"To you?" he said, walking up the street with her supported.

The loafers at the office-door did not hear his words but they saw him nudged step after her. Then they nudged each other. Then they nudged and drew head up. There was no mistaking her white and snap of a whip-lash.

"The street is open to the public," she said. "I'm sorry, I said. "When I walk with any one it will not be with a 'squaw man'."

That was all. Dustin, the big man of the Broken Spur, dropped back.

His face was white with wrath and his lips were set. The man who saw it all never said a word about it till they got safely home but after that word spread. They watched him snatch his horses from the tie-rack and as they drove away in silence of the darkness till his horse snorted swallowed up in a dust-wreath. Then—

"She sure set fire to his shirt-tail," quoth old Stylo. The others giggled uncontrollably. They knew Dustin fairly well.

Sam Dustin neither forgave nor forgot that incident and more than once he had planned revenge but no opportunity came. Then one day old Stylo, who marked Edith Carr as the only person in the Valley worth the time and patience to tame her and Dustin swore to himself that same day that he would make her some day be wishful of the time he had.

He had enough courage to try to force his attentions on her. He knew old Joe Carr too well for that old man was one of the breed that held their women-folks sacrosanct. He had to get his legs under old Joe Carr's table where the pretty Edith held sway. That was also the beginning of trouble for the High-ground rancher.

It was a big ranch. For miles its wide flung up into the hills and its broad ranges pastured many cattle. Carr's herd first beefed up the broken down doors! Then a bucking pony stampeded him against a bucking post in the corral and broke his leg in two places. The bronco had been first roped and then broken twice and thrice. It had been a real lesson twice and the irritation over being a cripple when every man was urgently needed awoke the old fellow that had never really subsisted since Edith's arrival. He was laid up in the little barn-ground under the great cottonwoods.

From day to day Edith gritted gallantly to stop that solitary drinking. She brought him water and bread after she saw the doctor and she knew only too well what was taking place behind that closed door. Twice she tried to force an entry but each time she was repelled and the door was locked. Sick at heart, she knew what the trouble was she fled to Frank Crewe, the foreman.

"Is there no way to make him stop?" she sobbed. "Oh, Frank! Frank! I know when he's drunk he's a good man to go wrong at a time like this."

Crewe nodded. "He's too good a man to run off the Open Range!" he barked. "I'll bring him before the bartender, Miss Edith, but I'll be darned if I can make him see sense. The size of the matter is that he's just plain whupping himself into his bed and not drinking any more. I don't think he ought to be locked up. But when he's drunk he's a bad man to be around that with times like these are two men Dustin and Goddard over the Broken Spur are just settin' up all nights waitin' for a chance at him. If he's mind dandred they'll git him."

They did get their chance and they knew well how to take advantage when it came their way. They both knew what was taking place at the ranch. They were a simple bunch of carless, bunk-house and any manchon knows what that means it'll split dissaters.

The result was not quick-movin'. First with the stock growth of avalanche, first moves were slowly at first till sheer weight overcomes inertia. Then it becomes suddenly dangerous. That first slow danger served the ranch, the learning of the number of calves born to the herd. Then a long line of fence broke down and no one discovered it till too late. Cattle strayed off the home ranges and if they calved at all, brought forth their young in holes and wheelbarrows, digging them in till too late. Then a few calves with stilted tongues. . . . That told its own story to the ranged men. . . . Calves who had been able to keep up from sucking their mothers' milk would fall to talk to, bite with hate and writh at his own inability to keep abreast of the times, he said, and ranch slipping into complete desolation. It would improve his status of the Broken Spur.

(To Be Continued)



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